



BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can!

Welcome To Our Newsletter

BCAUSEICAN is a 501(c)3 organization founded by men who were born and raised in the communities they serve and have a driving passion to reach and teach children so that they can thrive, strive, and arrive. Follow this [link](#) to read more about our programs.



BCAUSEICAN Wrapped-Up 2021-2022 School Year

As BCAUSEICAN wrapped-up programming for the 2021-2022 school term, the successes are commendable, but there is plenty of work yet to be done. BCAUSEICAN was able to conduct over 225 coding classes to over 125 elementary students and over 50 coding classes to over 60 middle and high school students. These classes included learning to code in the SCRATCH and Python languages. These are examples of how we promote computer science for our students.

BCAUSEICAN recognizes the value of family support in promoting and advocating computer science. BCAUSEICAN conducted over 45 family technology

workshops to over 60 parents and adults to gain familiarity with technology and applications to support their scholars. The family technology workshops were conducted in English and Spanish.

Our commitment to address the digital divide, digital literacy and lack of digital inclusion will continue despite the odds. Our mission and vision for bridging the gap of socio-economic disparities is a driving force behind our organization. The work must continue until every student is given an opportunity to compete.

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BCAUSEICAN CLASSES

BCAUSEICAN’s Cloud Computing Class a Huge Success

BCAUSEICAN completed a four week, eight session “Introduction to Cloud Computing” class during the month of July. The class was attended by six high school students ranging from grades 10-12. The Cloud Computing class was taught on the Amazon Web Services(AWS) 3.0 Serverless platform. AWS is one of the leading Cloud providers across the globe. Cloud Computing is one of the most emerging technologies in the Information Technology profession today. The students learned concepts, terminologies and configured services in AWS. It was a great experience for the students and the instructors.

One of the students stated the following; *“ When signing up for the cloud computing class, I wasn’t really sure if it would be beneficial to me but I had a very interesting first day of class, so it grew my interest in cloud computing. I want to tell my instructors that they really did a good job. I’m glad I decided to work with you. Thank you for making cloud computing easy and fun to learn.”*

BCAUSEICAN appreciates the support from Amazon to assist in making this opportunity available for the students. We look forward to conducting more state of the art technology Cloud Computing classes.

Our Mission

"To equip the youth in underserved communities with computer literacy knowledge and skills to prevent socioeconomic disparities in the next generation"

BCAUSEICAN Discusses Stocks with East of the River Boys and Girls Steel Band

BCAUSEICAN completed a six week “Introduction to the Stock Market” workshop with students as part of the East of the River Boys and Girls Steel Bands’ Summer Camp programming. The students ranged from middle school to high school. All students

Our Vision

"An equal playing field for youth growing up in every community"

For Volunteer Opportunities or School Inquiries

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learned the basic concepts and terminology of the stock market and eventually learned the art of trading. The workshop was interactive and students used the TD Ameritrade ThinkorSwim platform to review stock performances and determine the current state of the stock market. One of the student testimonials was “ ***I know how to day trade and I know more about the Dow Jones. I’ve learned so much!***” We might have discovered some future Wall Street Brokers!

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Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteer Spotlight- David Zhou

BCAUSEICAN would like to spotlight the staff contributions of David Zhou. David currently is the Director of Software at DeepHealth, a wholly owned subsidiary of Radnet, the largest provider of outpatient imaging services in the United States. David has been a volunteer for BCAUSEICAN since 2021. He has taught both SCRATCH and Python coding classes to elementary and middle schools respectively. David was instrumental in developing the curriculum and instructing a Cloud Computing class this Summer. He is a trusted advisor and contributor to BCAUSEICAN's technical roadmap and strategy team. David's passion for BCAUSEICAN's mission and vision is evident in every function he performs for the organization. We

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are so happy to have him as part of the BCAUSEICAN Family!

Thank you for your efforts David!

BCAUSEICAN GRANTS

BCAUSEICAN **Awarded Verizon** **Foundation Grant**

BCAUSEICAN has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation. The grant will be used to support the BCAUSEICANCODE Computer Coding program for students disadvantaged by the digital divide and lack of digital inclusion. BCAUSEICAN welcomes the partnership with Verizon and the support of the mission and vision of the BCAUSEICAN organization. "BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can"

BCAUSEICAN Awarded Grant from **Luther I. Replogle Foundation**

BCAUSEICAN has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Luther I. Replogle Foundation to support the BCAUSEICANCODE Computer Coding program and the multilingual Family Technology Workshops. These programs address the digital divide, digital literacy and lack of digital inclusion. The award notification was received earlier this month and BCAUSEICAN is excited and appreciative to partner with the Luther I. Replogle Foundation. BCAUSEICAN welcomes the Luther I. Replogle Foundation in joining the mission and vision of the BCAUSEICAN organization. "BCAUSEICAN, You Can, We Can"

BCAUSEICAN Awarded Special **Appropriations Grant from District 2, 3** **and District 5**

BCAUSEICAN has been awarded a total of \$11,500 in grants from the Prince George's County Council Members Deni Taveras in District 2, Dannielle Glaros in District 3 and Jolene Ivey in District 5. The grants will be used to support the BCAUSEICANCODE Computer Coding program for students disadvantaged by the digital divide and lack of digital inclusion. The award notifications were received in April and June and BCAUSEICAN is excited and appreciative to continue the partnership with the Prince

George's County Council. BCauseICAN
welcomes the support of the mission and
vision of the BCauseICAN organization.
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